

**The Florida College System
Policy & Advocacy Committee
Friday, March 14, 2014
Tallahassee Community College Capitol Center
Tallahassee, Florida**

MINUTES

Welcome and Call to Order

Dr. Jim Henningsen, P&A Chair, called the meeting of the Policy and Advocacy Committee to order at approximately 8:31 a.m. on Friday, March 14, 2014 at the Tallahassee Community College Capitol Center.

The following members of the Policy and Advocacy Committee were present:

Dr. Jim Henningsen
Dr. Jim Richey
Mr. David Armstrong
Dr. Jeff Allbritten
Dr. Jonathan Gueverra
Dr. Ed Massey
Dr. Chuck Hall
Dr. Chuck Mojock
Mr. John Grosskopf

Dr. Ty Handy
Dr. Dennis Gallon
Dr. Katherine Johnson
Dr. Ed Meadows
Dr. Jackson Sasser
Dr. Thomas Leitzel
Mr. Joe Pickens
Dr. Bill Law

Also present were:

Dr. John Holdnak
Ms. Kasongo Butler
Ms. Lisa Cook
Mr. Rod Duckworth

Ms. Carrie Henderson
Ms. Judy Green
Ms. Suzanne Tart
Ms. Julie Alexander

Mr. Michael Brawer
Mr. Matthew Holliday
Ms. Sharon Crow
Mr. Andy Treadwell
Ms. Victoria Hernandez
Mr. Jeff Schembera

Ms. Sandy Cesaretti Ray
Mr. Don Payton
Ms. Ana Sanchez
Mr. Jack Hall
Mr. Ed Woodruff

Mr. Jeb Blackburn
Ms. Kathy Walker
Dr. Gina Doeble
Mr. Jacob Winge
Dr. Debbie Douma
Mr. EH Levering
Mr. Jason Hurst

Ms. Stacey Webb
Mr. Peter Elliott
Ms. Petra Kohlman
Ms. Sheryl Vittitoe
Dr. Judy Bilsky
Mr. LeRoy Darby

1.0 Approval of Minutes

1.1 Approval, Policy & Advocacy Meeting Minutes, February 6, 2014

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Katherine Johnson and a second by Dr. Jeff Allbritten the minutes of the February 6, 2014 meeting of Policy & Advocacy Committee were approved without objection.*

2.0 Substantive Issues

Dr. Jim Henningsen reported the Chancellor's office has drafted an amendment to SB 1148. Dr. Ed Massey encouraged the presidents to take their time and talk to the appropriate legislators and staff members. He also stated it is important to answer the questions that the legislators are asking. Dr. Henningsen added talking points are being crafted and welcomed input. This bill will be watched closely.

Dr. Henningsen reported a meeting has been set up to get clarification on the tech center bill. Dr. Ed Meadows reported Dr. Belle Wheelan is willing to submit a letter to the Council regarding the transfer of credentials.

Dr. Henningsen reported the performance funding model update has been sent out. There is still interest in this on the Senate side, but not on the House side.

Mr. Matthew Holliday reported the Dream Act bill was heard this week.

The bill regarding veteran fees has passed.

The PECO proposal is moving along; however, it does have amendments.

Mr. Holliday reported the initial budget numbers have been released.

Ms. Stacey Webb reported textbook affordability remains important to the Governor.

She also reported Senator Legg is open to listening to the concerns regarding collegiate high schools. The penalty language is still in the bill; however, it now includes the school districts.

Dr. Jim Henningsen adjourned the Policy and Advocacy Committee meeting at approximately 9:07 a.m. without objection.